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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 10, 15, 18, 19, 24, 34, 39, 41 and 42 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

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1. (Twice Amended) A communication apparatus capable of accommodating a plurality of lines connectable with respective different remote partners at the same time, comprising:
a first communication unit connectable with a first communication line, capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and capable of communication with a remote partner via said first communication line;
a second communication unit connectable with a second communication line, capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and capable of communication with a remote partner via said second communication line; and
a detection unit for detecting actuation factors for said first and second communication units; and
a controller for shifting said second communication unit from the standby state to the operating state in response to detection of the actuation factor for said second communication unit by said detection unit, retaining said first communication unit as it is on

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standby, when said first and second communication units are on standby.

2. (Not Currently Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said detection means detects an actuation factor in response to detection of a call signal from said second communication line.

3. (Not Currently Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said detection means detects an actuation factor in response to the key input by a user through an operation unit.

4. (Not Currently Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a document sheet reading unit, wherein said detection means detects an actuation factor in response to detection of a document sheet in said document sheet reading unit.

5. (Not Currently Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a power source and a relay for turning on and off the power supply from the power source to said second communication unit, wherein said first communication unit turns on said relay in response to detection of the actuation factor detected by said detection means.

6. A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a power source for supplying power to said second communication unit, being capable of switching whether or not power is supplied to said second communication unit, wherein said first communication unit enables said power source to start the power supply to said second communication unit in response to detection of the actuation factor by said detection means.

7. (Not Currently Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said second communication unit suspends supplying a clock signal to the second communication itself on standby, and starts supplying the clock signal to the second communication unit itself in response to the actuation signal from said first communication unit.

8. (Not Currently Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said second communication unit is provided with a power source control unit operating even on standby, and wherein said second communication unit suspends supplying power to the second communication unit itself, and starts supplying power to the second communication unit itself in response to the actuation signal from said first communication unit.

9. (Not Currently Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a second detection means for detecting the actuation factor with respect to said first communication unit, wherein said first communication unit is provided with a low power dissipation control unit operating even on standby, and wherein said first

communication unit shifts to the low power dissipation state on standby, and said low power dissipation control unit causes said first communication unit to shift to the operational state in response to the actuation signal from said second detection means.

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10. (Twice Amended) A communication apparatus capable of accommodating a plurality of lines connectable with respective different remote partners at the same time, comprising:
a first communication unit connectable with a first communication line, capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and capable of communication with a remote partner via said first communication line;
a second communication unit connectable with a second communication line, capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and capable of communication with a remote partner via said second communication line;
a storage unit for storing data received by said second communication unit;
a detection unit for detecting actuation factors for said first and second communication units; and
an output unit for outputting data received by said first and second communication units,
wherein when said first and second communication units are on standby, said first communication unit shifts from the standby state to the operating state to

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receive data in response to detection of the actuation factor for said first communication unit by said detection unit, retaining said second communication unit as it is on standby, and outputs the received data to said output means, and on the other hand, when said first and second communication units are on standby, said second communication unit shifts from the standby state to the operating state to receive data in response to detection of the actuation factor for said second communication unit, stores the received data in said storage unit and enables said first communication unit to shift from the standby state to the operating state, and said first communication unit outputs the data stored in said storage unit to said output unit.

11. (Not Currently Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein said second communication unit sends out the actuation signal to said detection means after the completion of data reception.

12. (Not Currently Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein said first communication unit is provided with a memory for storing data received from said storage means, said second communication unit transfers the data in said storage means to the memory of said first communication unit, and said first communication unit outputs the data transferred to the memory to said output means.

13. (Not Currently Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein said output means is a printer.

14. (Not Currently Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 10, further comprising second detection means for detecting an actuation factor for said second communication unit, and said second communication unit is capable of reducing the power dissipation on standby, and shifting from the standby state to the operating state in response to detection of the actuation factor by said second detection means.

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15. (Twice Amended) A communication apparatus capable of accommodating a plurality of lines connectable with respective different remote partners at the same time, comprising:

- a first communication unit connectable with a first communication line, capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and capable of communication with a remote partner via said first communication line;
- a second communication unit connectable with a second communication line, capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and capable of communication with a remote partner via said second communication line;
- an input unit for inputting data;
- an instruction unit for instructing the transmission of the input data inputted by said input unit; and
- a controller for shifting said second communication unit from the standby state to the operating state in response to the instruction of said instruction unit during the communication by said first communication unit, and transmitting data, and for shifting said

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first communication unit from the standby state to the operating state in response to the instruction of said instruction unit, without shifting said second communication unit from the standby state to the operating state, when said first and second communication units are on standby, and transmitting data.

16. (Not Currently Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said input means is a scanner for reading a document sheet.

17. (Not Currently Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said controller shifts said first communication unit from the standby state to the operating state in response to detection of the actuation factor for said first communication unit by said detection unit.

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18. (Amended) A communication apparatus capable of accommodating a plurality of lines connectable with respective different remote partners at the same time, comprising:

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a first communication unit connectable with a first communication line, capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and capable of communication with a remote partner via said first communication line;

a second communication unit connectable with a second communication line, capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and capable of

communication with a remote partner via said second communication line;

a detection unit for detecting actuation factors for said first and second communication units; and

an output unit for outputting data received by said first and second communication units,

34 wherein when said first and second communication units are on standby, said first communication unit shifts from the standby state to the operating state to receive data, in response to detection of the actuation factor for said first communication unit by said detection unit, without shifting said second communication unit from the standby state to the operating state, and outputs the received data to said output means, and on the other hand, when said first and second communication units are on standby, said second communication unit shifts from the standby state to the operating state to receive data, in response to detection of the actuation factor for said second communication unit, and enables said first communication unit to shift from the standby state to the operating state, and said first communication unit outputs the data to said output unit.

19. (Amended) A communication apparatus capable of accommodating a plurality of lines connectable with respective different remote partners at the same time, comprising:

a first communication unit connectable with a first communication line, capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and capable of communication with a remote

partner via said first communication line;

a second communication unit connectable with a second communication line, capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and capable of communication with a remote partner via said second communication line;

a first controller for controlling said first communication unit, said first controller capable of reducing power dissipation on standby; and

a second controller for controlling said second communication unit, said second controller capable reducing power dissipation on standby,

wherein said first controller includes a detection unit for detecting actuation factors for the first and second communication units, and said second communication unit and said second controller shift from the standby state to the operating state in response to detection of the actuation factor for said second communication unit by said detection unit, retaining said first communication unit and said first controller as they are on standby, when said first and second communication units and said first and second controllers are on standby.

20. (Not Currently Amended) The communication apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said first communication unit and said first controller shift from the standby state to the operation state in response to detection of the actuation factor for said first communication unit by said detection unit.

21. (Not Currently Amended) The communication apparatus according to

Claim 19, further comprising a storage unit for storing received data and an output unit for outputting the received data, wherein after said second communication unit and said second controller shift from the standby state to the operating state and data received in said second communication unit is stored in said storage unit, said second controller outputs an actuation factor to said first controller so as to output the received data to said output unit and said first controller shifts from the standby state to the operating state.

22. (Not Currently Amended) The communication apparatus according to Claim 19, further comprising an output unit for outputting received data, wherein after said second communication unit and said second controller shift from the standby state to the operating state, said second controller outputs the actuation factor to said first controller so as to output the received data to said output unit and said first controller shifts from the standby state to the operating state.

23. (Not Currently Amended) The communication apparatus according to Claim 19, further comprising an input unit for inputting data and an instruction unit for instructing transmission of the data inputted by said input unit, wherein said first controller shifts the second communication unit and the second controller from the standby state to the operating state in accordance with an instruction by said instruction unit.

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24. (Amended) A communication method capable of accommodating a plurality of lines connectable with respective different remote partners at the same time, comprising the steps of:

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connecting a first communication unit with a first communication line, the first communication unit being capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and being capable of communication with a remote partner via the first communication line;

connecting a second communication unit with a second communication line, the second communication unit being capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and being capable of communication with a remote partner via the second communication line; and

detecting actuation factors for the first and second communication units; and

shifting the second communication unit from the standby state to the operating state in response to detection of the actuation factor for the second communication unit by said detection step, retaining the first communication unit as it is on standby, when the first and second communication units are on standby.

25. (Not Currently Amended) The communication method according to Claim 24, wherein said detection step detects an actuation factor in response to detection of a call signal from the second communication line.

26. (Not Currently Amended) The communication method according to Claim 24, wherein said detection step detects an actuation factor in response to the key input by a user through an operation unit.

27. (Not Currently Amended) The communication method according to Claim 24, further comprising a detecting step of detecting, by using a document sheet reading unit, an actuation factor in response to detection of a document sheet in the document sheet reading unit.

28. (Not Currently Amended) The communication method according to Claim 24, further comprising a step of turning on and off the power supply, by using a power source and a relay, from the power source to the second communication unit, wherein the first communication unit turns on the relay in response to detection of the actuation factor detected by said detection step.

29. (Not Currently Amended) The communication method according to Claim 24, further comprising a step of supplying power, by using a power source, to the second communication unit, the step of supplying power being capable of switching whether or not power is supplied to the second communication unit, wherein the first communication unit enables the power source to start the power supply to the second communication unit in response to detection of the actuation factor by said detecting step.

30. (Not Currently Amended) The communication method according to Claim 24, wherein the second communication unit suspends supplying a clock signal to the second communication unit itself on standby, and starts supplying the clock signal to the second communication unit itself in response to the actuation signal from the first communication unit.

31. (Not Currently Amended) The communication method according to Claim 24, wherein the second communication unit is provided with a power source control unit operating even on standby, and wherein the second communication unit suspends supplying power to the second communication unit itself, and starts supplying power to the second communication unit itself in response to the actuation signal from the first communication unit.

32. (Not Currently Amended) The communication method according to Claim 24, further comprising a second detecting step of detecting the actuation factor with respect to the first communication unit, wherein the first communication unit is provided with a low power dissipation control unit operating even on standby, and wherein the first communication unit shifts to the low power dissipation state on standby, and the low power dissipation control unit causes the first communication unit to shift to the operational state in response to the actuation signal from said second detecting step.

33. (Not Currently Amended) The communication method according to Claim 24, wherein the shifting of the first communication unit from the standby state to the

operating state occurs in response to detection of the actuation factor for the first communication unit by the detection step.

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34. (Amended) A communication method capable of accommodating a plurality of lines connectable with respective different remote partners at the same time, comprising the steps of:

connecting a first communication unit with a first communication line, the first communication unit being capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and being capable of communication with a remote partner via the first communication line;

connecting a second communication unit with a second communication line, the second communication unit being capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and being capable of communication with a remote partner via the second communication line;

storing data received by the second communication unit;

detecting actuation factors for the first and second communication units; and

outputting data received by the first and second communication units, wherein when the first and second communication units are on standby, the first communication unit shifts from the standby state to the operating state to receive data in response to detection of the actuation factor for the first communication unit by the detection step, retaining the second communication unit as it is on standby, and outputs the received data to said output step, and on the other hand, when the first and second communication units are on

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standby, the second communication unit shifts from the standby state to the operating state to receive data in response to detection of the actuation factor for the second communication unit, stores the received data in a storage unit and enables the first communication unit to shift from the standby state to the operating state, and the first communication unit outputs the data stored in the storage unit to the output unit.

35. (Not Currently Amended) The communication method according to Claim 34, wherein the second communication unit sends out the actuation signal to a detection unit after the completion of data reception.

36. (Not Currently Amended) The communication method according to Claim 34, wherein the first communication unit is provided with a memory for storing data received from a storage unit, the second communication unit transfers the data in the storage unit to the memory of the first communication unit, and the first communication unit outputs the data transferred to the memory to an output unit.

37. (Not Currently Amended) The communication method according to Claim 34, wherein the data is outputted to a printer.

38. (Not Currently Amended) The communication method according to Claim 34, further comprising a second detection step of detecting an actuation factor for the

second communication unit, the second communication unit being capable of reducing the power dissipation on standby, and shifting from the standby state to the operating state in response to detection of the actuation factor in said second detection step.

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39. (Amended) A communication method capable of accommodating a plurality of lines connectable with respective different remote partners at the same time, comprising the steps of:

- connecting a first communication unit with a first communication line, the first communication unit being capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and being capable of communication with a remote partner via the first communication line;
- connecting a second communication unit with a second communication line, the second communication unit being capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and being capable of communication with a remote partner via the second communication line;
- inputting data;
- instructing the transmission of the input data; and
- shifting the second communication unit from the standby state to the operating state in response to the instruction of an instruction unit during the communication by the first communication unit, and transmitting data and for shifting said first communication unit from the standby state to the operating state in response to the instruction of said instructing step, without shifting the second communication unit from the standby state to the operating state, when the first and second communication units are on standby, and transmitting data.

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40. (Not Currently Amended) The communication method according to Claim 39, wherein said data is input by a scanner.

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41. (Amended) A communication method capable of accommodating a plurality of lines connectable with respective different remote partners at the same time, comprising the steps of:

- connecting a first communication unit with a first communication line, the first communication unit being capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and being capable of communication with a remote partner via the first communication line;
- connecting a second communication unit with a second communication line, the second communication unit being capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and being capable of communication with a remote partner via the second communication line;
- detecting actuation factors for the first and second communication units; and
- outputting data received by the first and second communication units, wherein when the first and second communication units are on standby, the first communication unit shifts from the standby state to the operating state to receive data, in response to detection of the actuation factor for the first communication unit by said detecting step, without shifting the second communication unit from the standby state to the operating state, and outputs the received data, and on the other hand, when the first and second communication units are on standby, the second communication unit shifts from the standby state

to the operating state to receive data in response to detection of the actuation factor for the second communication unit, and enables the first communication unit to shift from the standby state to the operating state, and the first communication unit outputs the data to the output unit.

42. (Amended) A communication method capable of accommodating a plurality of lines connectable with respective different remote partners at the same time, comprising the steps of:

connecting a first communication unit with a first communication line, the first communication unit being capable of reducing power dissipation on standby, and being capable of communication with a remote partner via the first communication line;

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controlling by a first controller the first communication unit, the first controller being capable of reducing power dissipation on standby; and

controlling by a second controller the second communication unit, the second controller being capable of reducing power dissipation on standby,

wherein the first controller includes a detection unit for detecting actuation factors for the first and second communication units, and the second communication unit and the second controller shift from the standby state to the operating state in response to detection of the actuation factor for the second communication unit by the detection unit,

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✓ 2 retaining the first communication unit and the first controller as they are on standby, when the first and second communication units and the first and second controllers are on standby.

43. (Not Currently Amended) The communication method according to Claim 42, wherein the first communication unit and the first controller shift from the standby state to the operation state in response to detection of the actuation factor for the first communication unit by the detection unit.

44. (Not Currently Amended) The communication method according to Claim 42, further comprising steps of storing in a storage unit received data and outputting using an output unit the received data, wherein after the second communication unit and the second controller shift from the standby state to the operating state and data received in the second communication unit is stored in the storage unit, the second controller outputs an actuation factor to the first controller so as to output the received data to the output unit and the first controller shifts from the standby state to the operating state.

45. (Not Currently Amended) The communication method according to Claim 42, further comprising a step of outputting received data, wherein after the second communication unit and the second controller shift from the standby state to the operating state, the second controller outputs the actuation factor to the first controller so as to output the received data to an output unit and the first controller shifts from the standby state to the